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## *FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK*

The present newsletter covers the year 2005, which has been a particularly eventful year for the Library. The year has been important especially for the successful completion of shifting of the Main Stack to the Bhasha Bhavan (the newly built 40,000 square metre building). In matters of service, the Main Reading Room of the Library alone received about 200,000 readers and scholars during the year under review. Taken together, the Library recorded about 220,000 readers. A constant effort to offer improved services to the clientele has been reflected in the different activities and functions of the institution.

In 2005, the Library received more than 20,000 books under the Delivery of Books Act. It purchased 2525 foreign books and 579 journals (titles). Apart from these, the receipt under the gift and exchange programme has also been significant. Over 100,000 photocopies have been supplied to readers and scholars of the country and abroad. Many eminent persons visited the Library during the year.

The second phase of the digitisation of rare and old books has been launched in March 2005. Seven hundred thousand pages have been digitised and stored in DVD's. This will be an on going project of the Library henceforth. One hundred and fifty thousand retro-converted records have been validated by library professionals and are now ready for uploading in the server.

As in previous years, the library has conducted several programmes in the North Eastern states to develop library infrastructure and improve library services. The library has organised many meetings and workshops in different places of the country to popularise the Delivery of Books Act among the publishers and authors to urge them to send in all publications to the Library. Several workshops have been conducted to impart training to library personnel in conserving library materials. A brief account of activities has been incorporated in this issue of the newsletter.

## *MODERNISATION:*

Under the modernisation programme two major projects are underway; namely, Digitisation and Retro-conversion. The first phase of digitisation of old and brittle books was started in 1999 and lasted upto 2002. Two and half a million pages from the publications prior to 1900 were digitised in the first phase of the project. After some technological issues that arose out of the initial work were settled, the second phase of the work was initiated in April 2005. The Library opted for non-contact imaging technique for scanning of documents to avoid further deterioration of old books at the time of scanning. Accordingly, the face-up scanner, which can capture image without direct contact with the leaf of the book, was chosen. 700,000 pages were digitised and stored in DVDs with appropriate metadata in 2005.

The retro-conversion project was taken up in 2004 and five firms were assigned with the task of converting manual catalogues in machine-readable format. As a pilot project 150,000 records were converted and Library professionals under the Validation Cell validated the records. The corrected records will now be uploaded to the server and the next phase of the job will start soon.

## *EXHIBITIONS:*

In connection with the "World Book Day" the Library organised an exhibition on William Shakespeare on 4 May, 2005, in the Main Building. Dr. H. K. Kaul, a member of the Board of Management for the National Library inaugurated the weeklong exhibition. A number of valuable publications by and on Shakespeare were displayed in the exhibition. Also displayed were some very exquisite and special editions by reputed publication houses from the Main Stack and the Asutosh Collection. The bibliography entitled 'Shakespeare in India' published by the National Library in 1964 was reprinted.

A weeklong exhibition on "Rabindranath and Environment" designed by Shri Arunendu Banerjee was inaugurated on 8 June, 2005, by Shri Manabendra Mukherjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Information Technology & Environment, Government of West Bengal, in the Bhasha Bhavan. With the help of paintings and collage the designer highlighted Tagore's intense sensitivity towards nature. Renowned Bengali writer Shri Buddhadeb Guha and Shri A. P. Mittra, FRS, were present in the inaugural function. The Director, National Library, and the above-mentioned dignitaries planted trees in the Library for the occasion. The Exhibition was organised in connection with the 'World Environment Day'.

The National Library celebrated the 142nd Birth Anniversary of Sir Asutosh Mookerjee on 29 June, 2005, in the Bhasha Bhavan. On the occasion a special exhibition on the Asutosh Collection was organised on the same day. Shri Justice Chittotosh Mookerjee, Hon'ble Chief Justice (Retired), Prof. Ashis Kumar Banerjee, Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University, Prof. B. S. Chimni, Vice-Chancellor,

## ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

### *COLLECTION BUILDING:*

The National Library primarily receives publications under the Delivery of Books Act promulgated in 1954 and further amended in 1956. Foreign publications are procured through purchase while a good number of books are received by exchange and gift. For the last few years the Library has been working its best towards procuring publications under the D. B. Act from publishers and authors across the country. Organising seminars and awareness programmes to popularise the Act, and meeting the authors are among the efforts that the Library has undertaken for the effective implementation of the Act, so that the Library can acquire a larger number of publications. Barring other publications (serials, gazettes, reports, debates and newspapers etc.) the Library received more than 20,000 books under the D. B. Act during the period under review. The budget for the purchase of foreign books and serials rose to 44 million rupees during the year. The Library maintained cultural exchange relations with 215 institutions and organizations in 93 countries from which about 1500 publications were received. The Foreign Official Documents Division received about 7500 publications from U.N. agencies, the European Economic Community and the U.S.A. 55 rolls of microfilms of monographs, newspapers, and government publications were added to the collection.

### READERS' SERVICE:

Readers' services include attending to readers, providing assistance to them, extending reprographic service, attending to queries and preparing bibliographies for the readers. The library has a number of reading rooms apart from the Main Reading Room. As noted earlier, the Main Reading Room alone rendered services to about 200,000 readers and scholars last year. The annexe reading room, together with the newspaper reading room catered services to over 12,000 users. Scholars and researchers generally attend the reading rooms of the Rare Books Division and Asutosh Collection. 900 and 247 such readers respectively attended those two sections during 2005. All other reading rooms, vis-à-vis, Indian and Foreign Languages, Foreign Official Documents, Science & Technology, and Map, were accessed by hundreds of readers. 11,000 reading room cards were issued and 20,000 reference and bibliographic queries were attended to. 48 special and general bibliographies were prepared and updated for readers, scholars, as well as institutions. The library supplied 1,05,000 photocopies to the readers.

### *CONSERVATION:*

Conservation of books and other publications is a major activity of the library. The library has a considerable collection hailing from the 18th and 19th centuries, which is a constant cause of concern for the conservation laboratory. The present manpower is not adequate for restorative and curative conservation of all old and brittle books. As a result the conservation unit is now putting maximum thrust on preventive conservation. While fumigation, de-acidification, tissue and machine lamination, de-lamination, encapsulation and chemical treatment etc. are a part of the routine of the conservation unit; mending and binding are the main functions of the preservation (binding) unit. The conservation unit is now engaged in imparting training of methods and techniques of preventive conservation of paper-based materials among the professionals and semi-professionals of the library so that they can take care of the collection independently without the direct help of the conservation unit. This unit is imparting training to librarians and professionals of other libraries as well, the positive result of which has already been reported. 123 library professionals have been given such training during the period under report. From December 2005 the Laboratory Division has been restoring palm leaf manuscripts, which the National Library has in its Rare Books Division.

organisations and institutions from across the country took part in the workshop. 14 resource persons from the Indian Museum, the Asiatic Society, Rabindra Bharati University, Central Warehousing Corporation, Bengal Library Association, and the National Library delivered theoretical lectures and the staff members of the Laboratory and Preservation Divisions of the National Library imparted hands on training to the participants. The training covered topics such as conservation of old, especially rare documents, manuscripts, and art objects, besides methods of preventive, restorative, curative, and reproductive conservation. Prof. Ashok Nath Basu, Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University, presided over the valedictory function. Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder, former Education Minister, Government of India, awarded certificates to the participants and delivered the valedictory speech. Smt Malabika Ghosh, ALIO (Lab), National Library, and Dr. Salil Chandra Khan, Lecturer, Rabindra Bharati University, were joint coordinators of the workshop.

The Laboratory Division of the Library designed a special curriculum for conservation of maps and atlases for the officers and senior staff members of the Geological Survey of India at their request. The Geological Survey of India has a huge collection of old maps and atlases in their library. The conservation unit of the Library imparted training to a group of 11 officers and senior staff of the Geological Survey of India from 20 to 24 June, 2005. The training was mostly practical in nature.

The National Library arranged a daylong interactive session in its Laboratory Division on 17 August, 2005, for the junior restorers of Victoria Memorial Hall. A group of restorers attended the session to watch physical restoration of paper-based materials and various problems and solutions of the work from the officers and staff of the conservation unit of the National Library.

The National Library, in collaboration with the Publication Division of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, organised a three-day workshop for "Conservation of Library Materials" from 13 to 15 September, 2005, at Tiruchirapalli. Dr. C. Thangamuthu, Vice Chancellor of Bharathidasan University, presided over the inaugural function while Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Director,

National University of Juridical Science and Shri Pratim Chatterjee, Hon'ble Minister of State in-Charge of Fire and Emergency Services, Government of West Bengal, graced the occasion. The weeklong exhibition featured some significant books and illustrations from the collection. A few manuscripts of Sir Asutosh were also in display. A brochure on Sir Asutosh Mookerjee was released in commemoration.

The National Library presented an exhibition on 'Bengal: Views from 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries' in the conference room of the India International Centre, New Delhi, from 20 to 26 October, 2005. The exhibition was held in connection with the 100 years of the 'Partition of Bengal'. Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan inaugurated the exhibition and Shri K. Jayakumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Dr. O. P. Kejariwal, Chairman, Dr. H. K. Kaul, and Prof. P. B. Mangla, Members, Board of Management for the National Library, were present in the inaugural function. The Director, National Library, delivered the welcome address. 133 prints depicting the myriad facades of the countryside, social life, bazaar and bridges, popular instruments, industries, finance, education, religion, funeral rites, justice, flora, health and modes of transport of Bengal were displayed in the exhibition. The paintings exhibited on the occasion are works of some well-known artists of the above-mentioned period. The National Library possesses some of the books and portfolios that contain the paintings.

## *CONSERVATION WORKSHOP & PROGRAMMES:*

Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Director, National Library; Dr. R. Ramachandan, PLIO; Sk. Mazharul Islam, LIO (II); Smt. Malabika Ghosh, ALIO (Lab), and Smt. Ballari Bandopadhyay, LIA, paid a visit to the Library of the Governor House on 5 January 2005, in response to the request of His Excellency the Governor of West Bengal, Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi. The purpose of the visit was to survey and suggest measures for improvement of the conservation techniques of the library materials of the Governor House Library. As a gesture of goodwill the National Library restored 8 maps and 3 books of the said library.

A five-day workshop on "Conservation of Library Materials" was jointly organised by the National Library and Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) in the Bhasha Bhavan of the Library between 14 and 18 March, 2005. The Director, National Library, delivered the welcome address while Shri Nimai Mal, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Library Services Government of West Bengal, inaugurated the weeklong workshop. Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Vice Chancellor, Netaji Subhas University, presided over the function. 23 participants from different

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE COMMISSION

The Prime Minister of India, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, the Director, National Library, and other dignitaries at the CII Partnership Summit, Kolkata.

Dr. Manmohan Singh, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, declared the formation of a National Knowledge Commission at the CII partnership Summit, 2005, held at the Natioal Library campus on 12 January, 2005. He emphasised the necessity of creating "**a National Knowledge Commission to strengthen the roots and sinews of our capacity and capability building so that we are better prepared for the challenges of the 21st Century.** This Commission *would be a catalyst in setting ambitious knowledge targets and enabling agencies to attain them*. The agenda of the national Knowledge Commission will be shaped by a knowledge pentagon with five areas of action, namely: to increase access to knowledge for public benefit; develop new concepts of higher education; rejuvenate Science & Technology institutions; enable application of knowledge by industry to enhance manufacturing competitiveness; encourage intensive use of knowledge-based services by government to empower citizens."

National Library, delivered the keynote address. 50 librarians from different public libraries of Tamil Nadu along with 45 students of MLIS participated in the three-day workshop. There were four practical and theoretical sessions in the workshop where various techniques of physical and chemical conservation were demonstrated. The valedictory function was presided over by Dr. V. Radhakrisnan, Registrar of Bharathidasan University. Dr. Kadir Mahadevan, former Vice Chancellor of Tamil University, delivered the valedictory lecture and The Director, National Library, handed over the certificates to the participants.

The National Library in collaboration with the Library & Information Department, Mizoram University, Aizawl, organised a three-day workshop on "Conservation of Library Materials" from 26 to 28 September, 2005, at Aizawl. Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Director, National Library, presided over the inaugural function. Dr. Laljama, Hon'ble Minister of Art & Culture, Higher & Technical Education of Mizoram, was present as Guest in Chief. Dr. Pravakar Rath, Head of the Department, Department of Library & Information Science, delivered the welcome address. The Director, National Library, presented conservation kits containing 28 articles to all the participants. 25 working librarians of different public libraries from across the state and all students of the department took part in the three-day workshop. Some librarians came from very far off places. There were three theoretical and five practical sessions in three days. Practical training was the priority of the workshop. De-acidification, tissue and solvent lamination, various types of stitching and binding techniques were demonstrated. The Deputy Registrar of Mizoram University presented certificates to the participants in the valedictory function while Prof. A. C. Tikekar presided over.

Shri Sunil Kumar, Md. Aslam, both LIAs, and Shri Somnath Banerjee, Superintendent, were among the personnel from the National Library who attended the seminar.

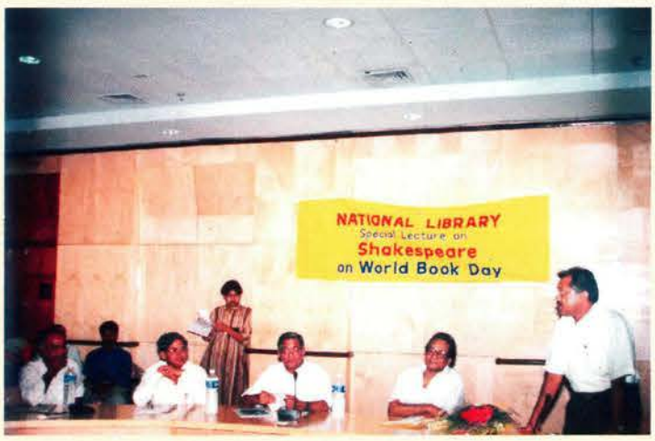
Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC), as part of their Golden Jubilee Celebration, organised an International Conference on "Information Management in a Knowledge Society" from 21 to 25 February, 2005 at Mumbai. Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Director, Dr R. Ramachandran, PLIO, Sk. M. Islam, LIO, and Shri S. Abuzar, LIA, of the National Library, participated in the seminar. Prof. Mandal contributed a paper entitled 'National Library on the Threshold of Complete Modernisation' while the title of Abzar's paper was 'National Bibliographic Control and the Legal Deposit in the National Library of India'. Both the papers appeared in the seminar volumes.

The National Library, in collaboration with the Indian Asssociation of Special Libraries and Information Centres, Bengal Library Association, and Visva-Bharati, celebrated the Librarians' Day on 28 August, 2005 at Shantiniketan. On that occasion a seminar on 'The Delivery of Books Act, the Copyright Act, and the Indian National Bibliography' was organised. Shri Nimai Mal, Hon'ble Minister of Library Services, Government of West Bengal, inaugurated the seminar. Prof. Sujit Kumar Basu, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati and Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Director, National Library, also addressed in the inaugural function. Many academicians, distinguished authors and librarians took part in the seminar.

A "Writers' Meet" was organised by the National Library and Bharthidasan University, Tirichurapalli, on 14 September, 2005 at Tirichurapalli. Dr. Radha Chellappan, Professor and Head of the Department of Tamil, chaired the function. Distinguished Tamil author Thiru Ponneelan, Sahitya Academy awardee, Dr. M. Ramaswamy of Thanjavor University, and Kavignar Nandalala also shared their experiences with the audience. The objective of the meet was to aware publishers and authors regarding the depository Act.

A conference on 'Libraries: Towards a New Vision' was organised by the Department of Culture on 7 & 8 November, 2005 at the India International Centre, New Delhi. Amendments of the D. B. Act, training of the working librarians, compilation of a directory of libraries and inclusion of the library affairs in the Concurrent List were some of the areas identified in the conference. Shri K. Jayakumar, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Culture, delivered the welcome address. Shri Jaipal Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of Culture, inaugurated the conference. Smt. Neena Ranjan, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Culture, and Dr. P. N. Bhargava, Vice-Chairman, National Knowledge Commission, addressed the inaugural session. Smt. Alka Jha, Director (Libraries), Ministry of Culture extended the vote of thanks. Many Librarians and academicians presented papers and addressed the technical sessions in the two-day conference. A ten-member team comprising the PLIO, LIO (II), three ALIOs, and five LIAs, of the National Library attended that conference.

## *SPECIAL LECTURES:*




In connection with the 'World Book Day' the National Library arranged a special lecture on the works of William Shakespeare on 4 May, 2005, in the Bhasha Bhavan Auditorium. The Director, National Library, welcomed the gathering. Prof Pralay Kumar Deb of the Department of English, Kalyani University, delivered a special lecture on Shakespeare. A good number of scholars and researchers attended the meeting. Dr. O.P.Kejariwal, Chairman, Board of Management, presided over the function.

On the occasion of the 144th Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, the National Library arranged a special lecture on 10 May, 2005, in the Auditorium of the Bhasha Bhavan. Prof. Somendranath Bandopadhyay, retired Professor of Bengali, Visva-Bharati University, delivered the special lecture. The Director, National Library, delivered the welcome speech while Prof. Sujit Kumar Basu, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati University, presided over the meeting. A cultural programme followed the meeting.

The Library organised a special lecture on Sahitya Samrat Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay on 25 July, 2005, in the Bhasha Bhavan Auditorium. Dr. Janaki Ballav Pattanayak, the former Chief Minister of Orissa and a celebrated Oriya author, delivered the lecture. Prof. Bharati Ray, former Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University, and Prof. Ramaranjan Mukherjee, former Chancellor, Tirupati Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidhyapith, were present as Guest of Honour and President respectively.

## *CONFERENCES & SEMINARS:*

The National Library, in collaboration with the Language and Library Department, Government of Rajasthan, organised a seminar on the Delivery of Books and Newspapers Act on 24 February, 2005 at Jaipur. Many famous writers, authors, and reputed publishers took part in the daylong seminar. The famous author, Shri Devarshi Kalanath Shastri, was the Guest in Chief while Shri Radheshyam Dhut, author, and Dr. Amar Singh Rathore, Director, Language and Library Department, Government of Rajasthan, were present as the special guests. Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Director, National Library, presided over the meeting. Dr. R. Ramachandran, Principal Library and Information Officer, and Shri Jagmal Singh, ALIO,

2005, at Shillong, Meghalaya. The Library also attended the NBT arranged Book Fair at Shradhabali, Puri that was held from 29 October to 6 November, 2005.

The National Library celebrated the Hindi Pakhwara from 15 to 28 September, 2005. Duringthefortnightcompetitionssuchas Hindityping,essaywriting,recitation,anddebatewere organisedforthestaffoftheLibrary.Successfulparticipantswereawardedwithcashprizes.

The annual sports of the Library was held on 25 February, 2005, at the Library ground. The Officers and members of the staff of the National Library and Central Reference Library took part in the sports. The Director distributed prizes to the successful competitors.

## A SELECT LIST OF RESEARCH SCHOLARS WHO USED THE LIBRARY:

1. Prof. Rosane Rocher, Professor of South Asia Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, USA. Topic: Biography of Thomas Colebrook, the Pioneer Indologist.
2. Dr. Pramod Kumar Mohanty, ICHR Post Doctoral Fellow, P. G. Department of History, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. Topic: Urban Culture in Orissa: A Case Study on Cultural Dimensions of Colonial Cuttack.
3. Prof. Sanjoy Mukherjee, Head, Department of Political Science, Scottish Church College, Kolkata. Topic: Problems of Orison Administration in West Bengal.
4. Shri Santanu Baerjee, Senior Lecturer, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata. Topic: Construction Of Youth and Nationalism: 1905-1947.
5. Smt. Joita Dhar, Lecturer in English, Patna Women's Cllege, Bihar. Topic: Discovering a Different India in Selected Narratives by Women Travelers in 19th Century India.
6. Prof. David Curley, Associate Professor, Liberal Studies, Western Washington University, USA. Topic: Jay Narayan Ghosal (1752-1821) and the Ghoshal family of Kidderpur, Kolkata.
7. Dr. Pradip Kumar Datta, Senior Fellow (History), Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata. Topic: Ideas of the Past in Modern Bengal.
8. Shri Abhijit Majumdar, Senior Lecturer, Linguistics, University of Calcutta. Topic: Text of Bengali Newspapers: 1965-2000, A Sociological and Philological Analysis.
9. Dr. Eva Wilden, Head, Ecole Francaise d'Exreme-Orient, Centre De Pondichery. Topic: Classical Tamil Manuscripts.
10. Prof. Dipesh Chakrabarty, Lawrence A. Kimpton Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago, USA. Topic: Sir Jadunath Sarkar & the Formation of History as a Discipline in India.

The 51st All India Conference of Indian Library Association on 'Libraries, Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning' was held at Kurukshetra University, Haryana, from 16 to 18 November, 2005. Chaudhuri Khairul Islam, Ms. Farhana Farooqui, ALIOs, Shri Esazul Haque, Shri Gautam Krishna Roy, and Shri Biswajit Ghosh, LIAs, attended the conference from the National Library.

The 25th All India Conference of the Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres was held from 26 to 29 December, 2005, at the IIT, Chennai. Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Director, National Library, Shri Sk. Mazharul Islam, LIO (II), Dr. Smt. Krishna Chakrabaty, ALIO, Shri Sunil Kumar, Shri Santanu Bhowmick, and Shri Ganesh Chandra Bag, all LIAs participated in the four-day conference. Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, Central Library, Madras, welcomed the delegates, and the Director, IIT, Madras inaugurated the conference while Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, as the Guest in Chief, delivered the keynote address. The Director, National Library, also presented a paper entitled 'Manuscript Centres as Content Repositories of Contemporary History'. Many librarians, and teachers and students of library & information science attended the conference.

## *INITIATIVE IN THE NORTH EASTENRN STATES:*

The National Library has been working in the North East for the last few years towards the overall improvement of the libraries and services in the region. Under the Infrastructure Development Programme of the North East, apart from arranging a workshop in Mizoram, the Library made surveys in four states (Tripura, Assam, Meghalaya and Sikkim). During surveys the National Library officials held discussions with officials of the state central libraries of the respective states regarding their problems and requirements in order to assess the situations there. Later, the National Library received proposals from the said states, which were duly scrutinised. Some proposals will be implemented during the current financial year.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Under the Cultural Exchange Programme two library professionals, namely, Ms. Wafa Rabi, and Ms. Reem, from Asad Library (National Library of Syria), Damascus, Syria, visited this Library for a period of two weeks beginning 25 July, 2005.

The National Library participated in the 30th Kolkata Book Fair, which was held during 27 January to 6 February, 2005, at Kolkata. A large number of publications were deposited to the Library under the D. B. Act during the fair. The National Library took part in Shillong Book Fair, which was organised by the National Book Trust from 22 to 28 March,

## A LIST OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY:

1. Mrs. A. Atchamamba, Chief Librarian, State Central Library, Hyderabad.
2. Mr. G. K. Manjunath, Chief Librarian, IGIDR, Mumbai.
3. Prof. R. Bruce King, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Georgia, Athens, USA.
4. Prof. Nityananda Saha, Vice Chancellor, University of Kalyani, West Bengal.
5. Mr. Paul Ross, Transport Company, London, U.K.
6. Mr. Geoff Dust, Rolling Stock Engineering, Metronet Rail, SSL Ltd. London.
7. Mr. Ranjit Rae, IAS, JS (North), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
8. Dr. Rie Masuda, International Library of Children's Literature, National Diet Library, Tokyo.
9. DR. M.S. N. Rahman, Dept. of History, NEHU, Shilong 793 022.
10. Mr. Ashok Vishvanathan, Film maker, Kolkata 700 039.
11. Mr. Tony Burchill, Trade Commisioner, Australian High Commision.
12. Mrs. Maitreyee, Chatterjee, 41, Creek Row, Kolkata 700 014.
13. Mr. Md. Tauhid Husain , Dy. High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Kolkata.
14. Prof. K. R. Iqbal Ahmad, Director, Distance Education Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad- 32.
15. Mr. J. F. Marques, Ambassador, Putagal.
16. Mr. Varun Maira, IAS, Principal Secretary, Culture, Government of Gujrat.
17. Mr. Suzan Bahar, Journalist, Stockholm, Sweden.
18. Mr. Wendy Zaman, Information Resource Officer, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.
19. Mr. Maqbul Fida Husain, Celebrated Painter.
20. Dr. A. F. Shaikh, Director of Libraries, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
21. His Excellency Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, the Governor of West Bengal.

## RETIREMENT:

1. Shri Rati Kanti Mondal, Senior Library & Information Assistant retired from service on 31 January, 2005
2. Kumari Pratima Basu, Library & Information Assistant retired from service on 31 January, 2005
3. Shri H. L. Chatterjee, Library & Information Assistant retired from service on 31 January, 2005.
4. Md. Aziz, Senior Assistant retired from service on 31 January, 2005.
5. Shri Pradip Kr. Roy, Library & Information Assistant retired from service on 30 April, 2005.
6. Shri Dilip Kr. Goswami, Library & Information Assistant retired from service on 30 June, 2005.

7. Shri Marshal Kujur, Library & Information Assistant retired from service on 31 July, 2005.
8. Km. N. Balakumari, Library & Information Assistant retired from service on 31 August, 2005.
9. Shri Bhimsen Swan, Library Clerk retired from service on 31 August, 2005.
10. Shri Shiv Prasad Sharma, Library Clerk retired from service on 31 August, 2005.
11. Shri S. Y. Khairey, Assistant Library & Information Officer retired from service on 30 September, 2005.
12. Shri Hirshikesh Bhattacharjee, Driver retired from service on 30 November, 2005.
13. Sm Lakshmi Mukherjee, Assistant Library & Information Officer retired from service on 31 December, 2005.
14. Shri Prabhat Kr. Biswas, Junior Library Attendant retired from service on 31 December, 2005.

## OBITUARY:

1. Krishna Bahadur Chetri, a serving Security Guard, expired on 1st September 2005.

*Dr. H. K. Kaul and Prof. P. B. Mangla, Members of the Board of Management for the National Library in a Meeting*

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY, KOLKATA

1. Author catalogue of printed books in Bengali language

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vol. 1 | A-F | 1997 | Rs. 296.00 |
| Vol. 2 | G-I | 1997 | Rs. 328.00 |
| Vol. 3 | M-R | 1959 (old edition) | Rs. 09.55 |
| Vol. 3 | M-R | 1997 | Rs. 475.00 |
| Vol. 4 | S-Z | 1963 (old edition) | Rs. 4.70 |

2. Author catalogue of printed books in English language

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| Vol. 1 Supplement | | 1962-80 | Rs. 507.00 |
| Vol. 2 Supplement pt.1 | | 1962-80 | Rs.1604.00 |

3. Author catalogue of printed books in European languages, 1941-64

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| Vol. 1 | A-B | 1941 | Rs. 06.12 |
| Vol. 2 | C-E | 1942 | Rs. 06.00 |
| Vol. 3 | F-H | 1942 | Rs. 06.10 |
| Vol. 4 | ----- | ---- | ------ |
| Vol. 5 | M | 1953 | Rs. 12.12 |
| Vol. 6 | N-P | 1954 | Rs. 11.12 |
| Vol. 7 | Q-R | 1956 | Rs. 06.75 |
| Vol. 8 | S | 1960 | Rs. 06.25 |
| Vol. 9 | T-V | 1963 | Rs. 07.25 |
| Vol.10 W-Z | | 1964 | Rs. 11.12 |

4. Author catalogue of printed books in European languages, Supplement, 1951-61

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|---|---|---|---|
| Vol. 1 | A | 1966 | Rs. 16.50 |
| Vol. 2 | B | 1973 | Rs. 13.50 |
| Vol. 3 | C | 1975 | Rs. 12.00 |
| Vol. 4 | D-E | 1977 | Rs. 60.00 |
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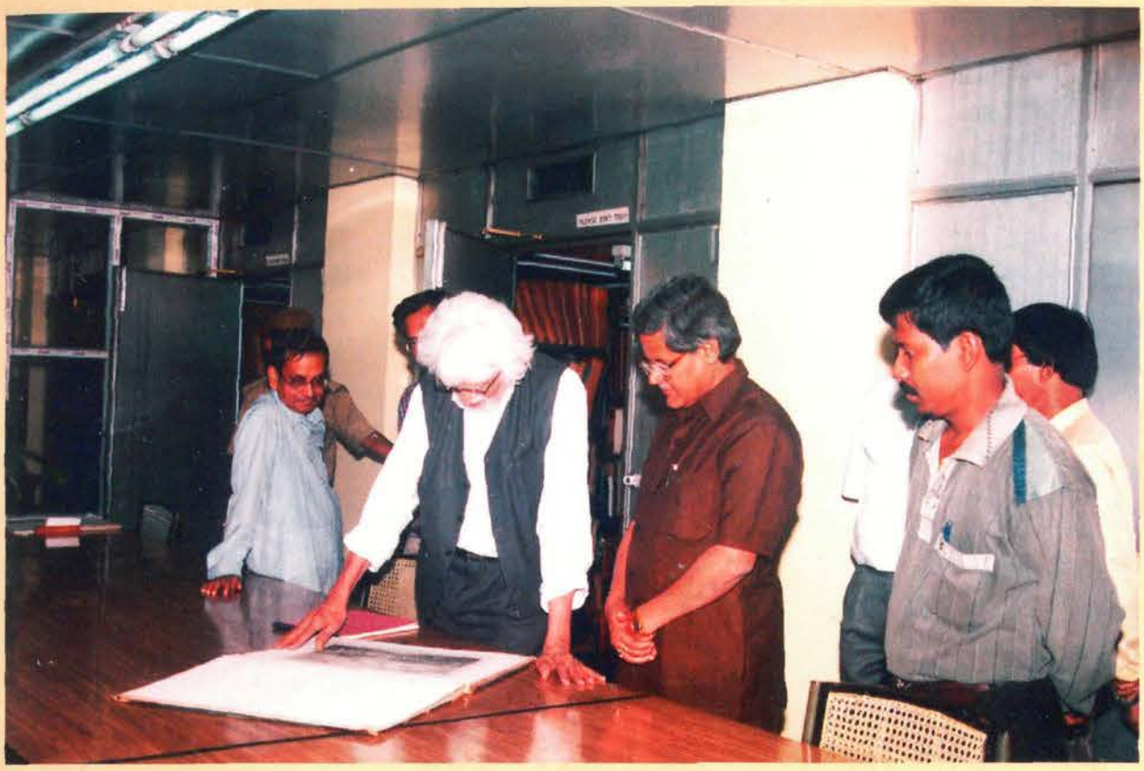

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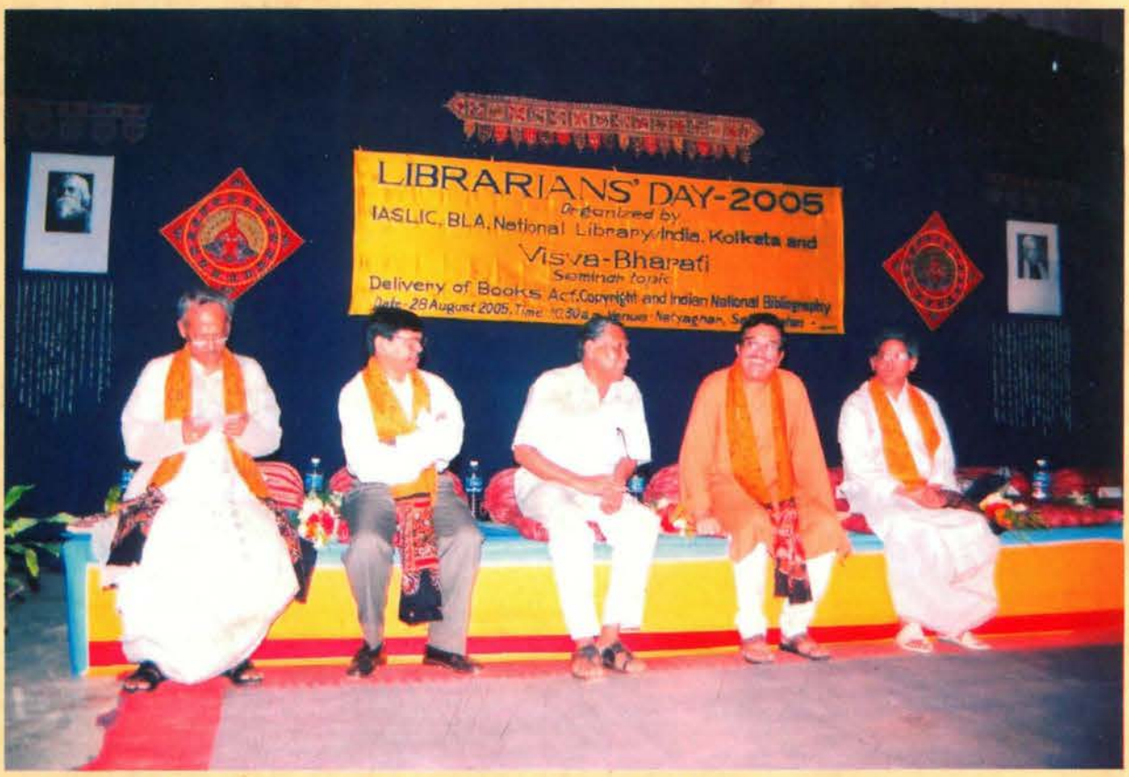


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